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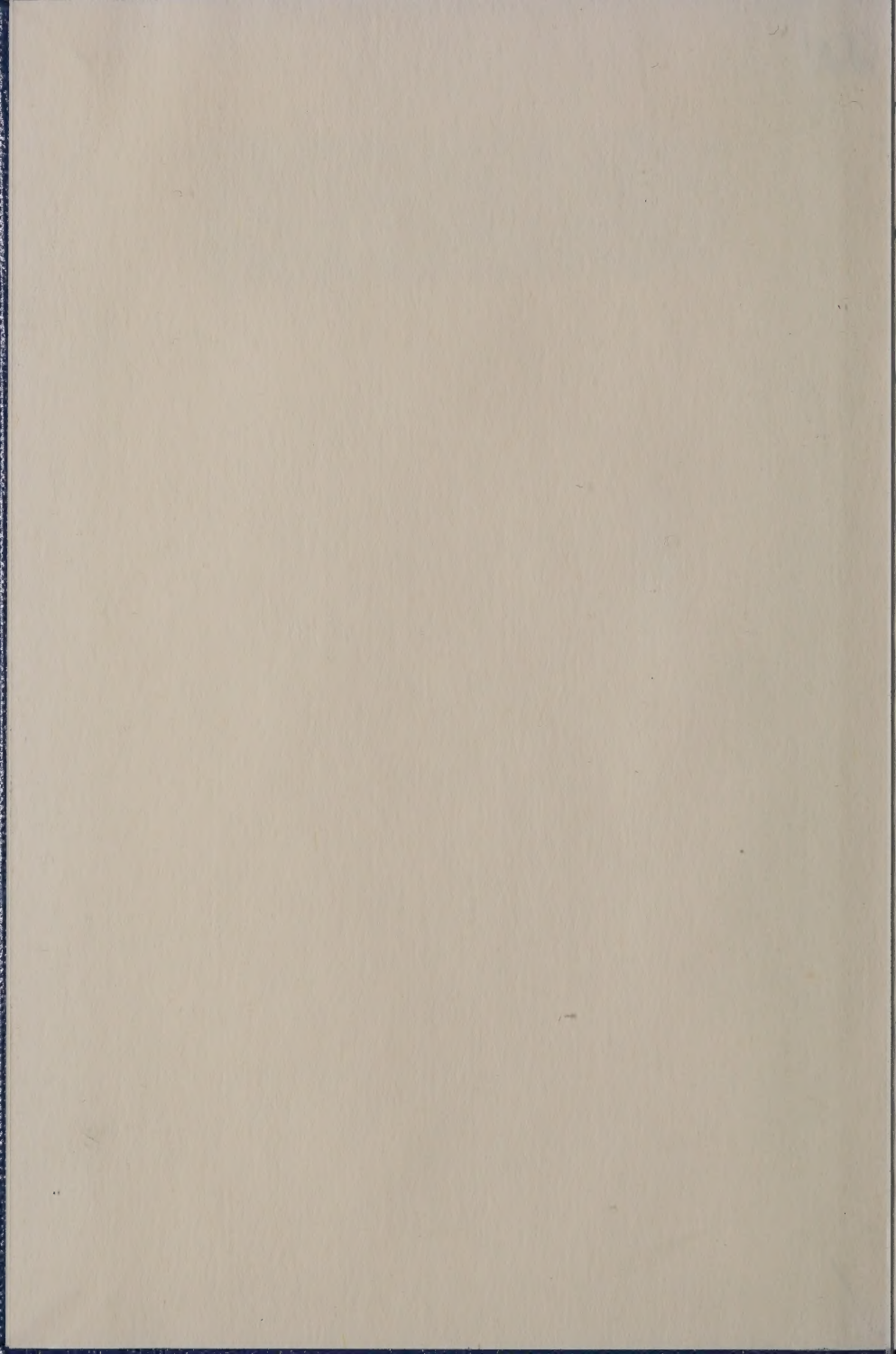


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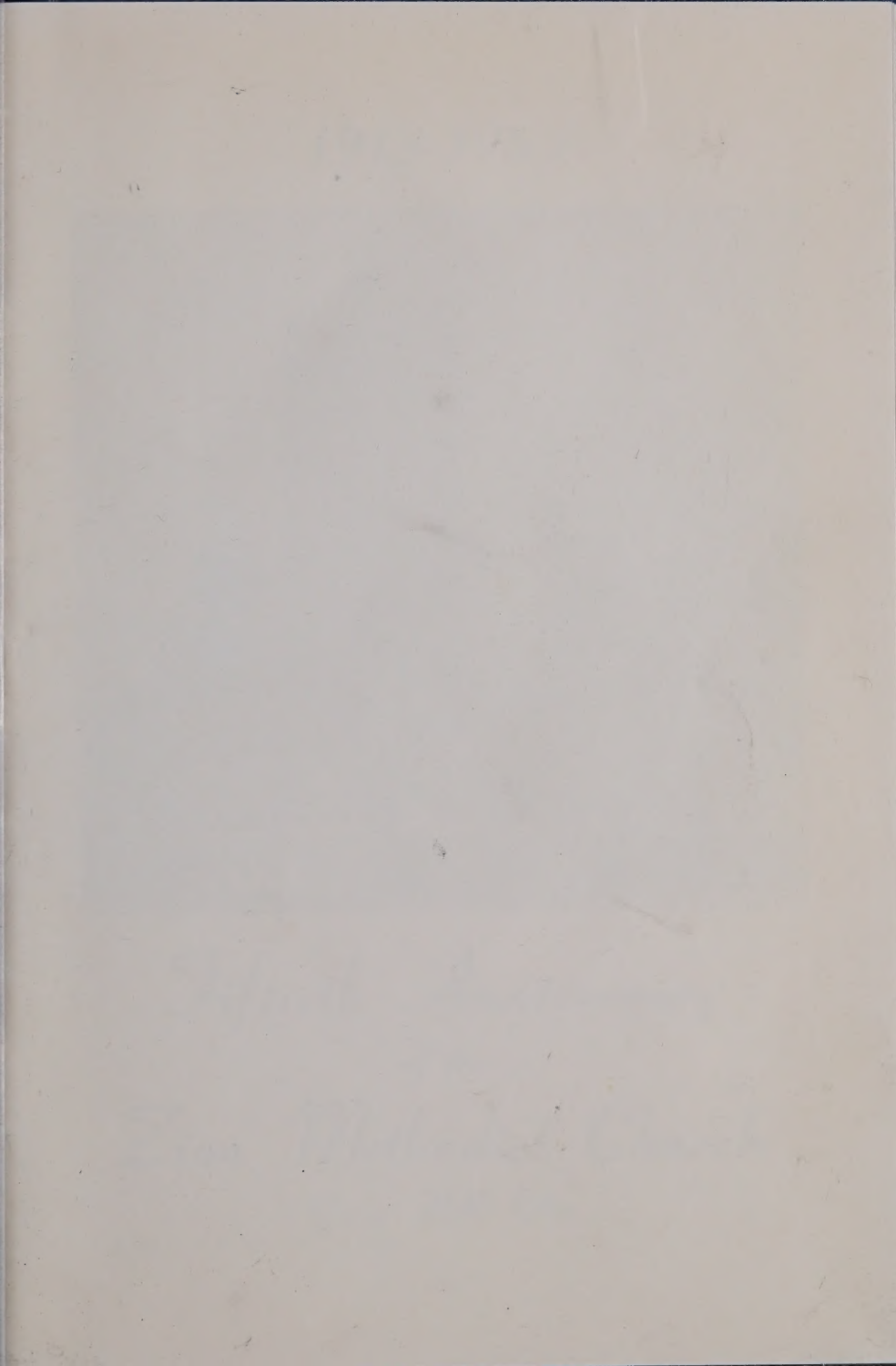


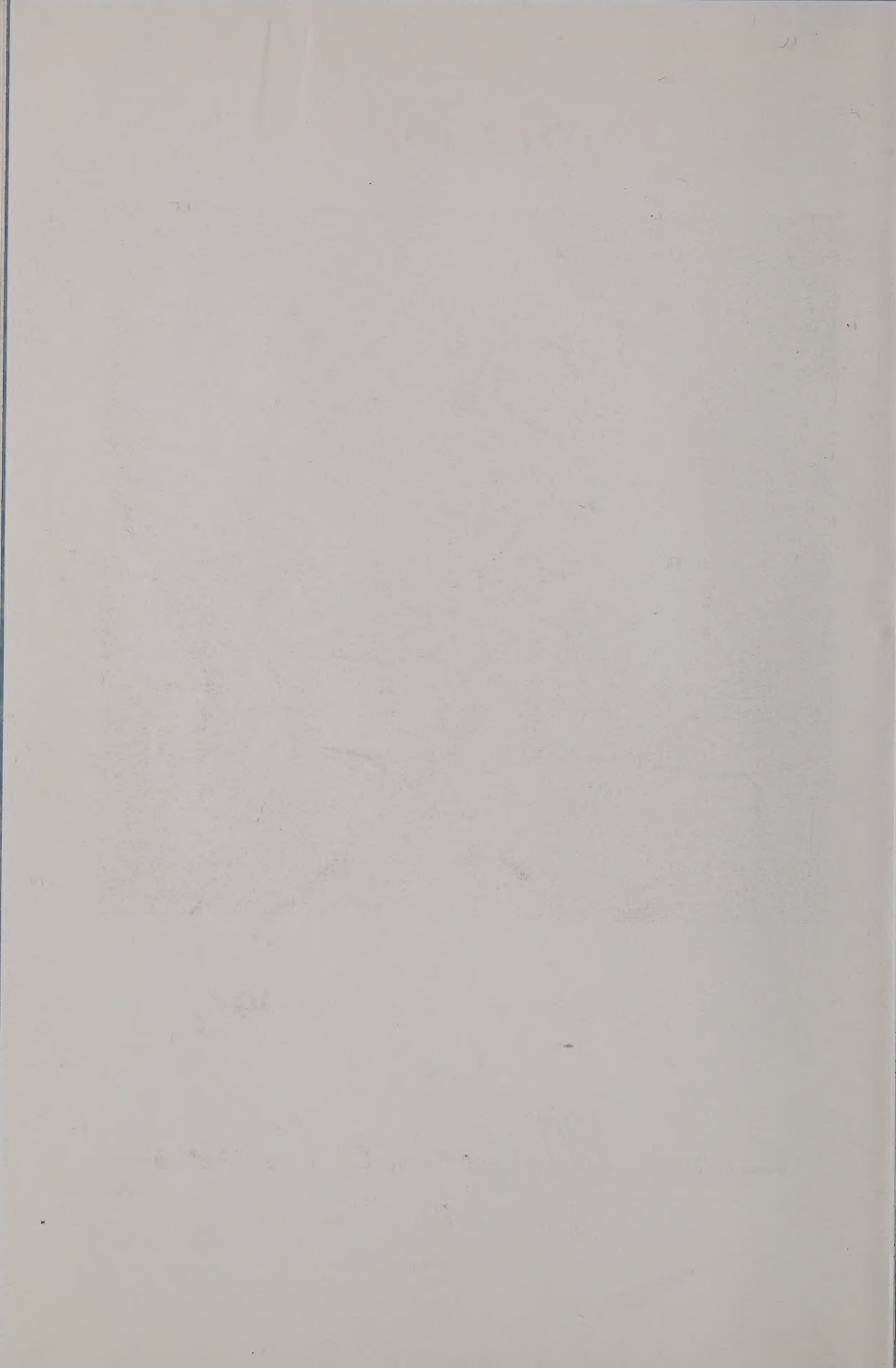


Zion Methodist Church

1913 - 1963







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Fiftieth Anniversary
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Zion Methodist Church
Grever Hill, Ohio

Foreword

In bringing together this history of our church we have tried to be as exact as possible. Unfortunately, gaps have occurred in our available information.

Any errors, omissions, or lack of recognitions, we are truly sorry for.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to those, who, by their kindly cooperation, have made this history possible.

HISTORY OF THE GROVER HILL ZION METHODIST CHURCH

The true history of a church involves more than can be found in old records or in reminiscences. How is one to tell what has happened in the hearts of its people through the grace of God? Perhaps the better way is to look at the practical results of their dedication.

We pay honor to all those who made this history and thank all who have helped to record it.

The Rev. Emanuel Kauffman, a Methodist minister, preached the first sermon in Latty township. He formed a Mt. Zion class prior to the Civil war which met in the District 7 school house one mile south of what is now Grover Hill. Among its members were Hannah Kohn, A. T. and Margaret McClure, and James and Lucinda McClure. Years later the large east window in our sanctuary was given in honor of James and Lucinda McClure by their son Gordon.

During the Civil war this class was disbanded.

In 1866 Philander Gilbert moved his lumber mill from Franklin county to Latty township, one and one-half miles south of here and a small settlement grew up near it. A Post Office, called Gilbert's Mills, was established here in 1873.

Here in 1875 the Zion class was reorganized and again they met in the school house under the leadership of the Rev. Harrison Harper. In 1880 this Methodist group decided to build a church. It was dedicated May 1, 1881, with the Rev. L. M. Albright, District Superintendent, officiating. This frame building measuring 32 by 50 feet was built by James K. Polk Shively whose daughter Mirtha, years later, went as a missionary from our church to Malaya.

From 1881 until 1895 this society grew and prospered.

During this time the Findlay, Ft. Wayne, and Western railroad was completed and the town of Grover Hill had its beginning.

Some of the Methodist folk in Grover Hill started a class and at first it, too, met in an old school house. Later they obtained a room above a saloon in the Eaton building which was located where the Didrick Funeral Home now stands.

Early in 1895 the congregations from Grover Hill and Gilbert's Mills, realizing that in union there is strength, decided to merge. The church from Gilbert's Mills was moved to town, located where our church now stands, and remodeled.

In 1898 the main part of the parsonage was built with a kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom added in 1916.

The congregation continued to grow and in 1912 it was decided to build a new church. The cornerstone was laid in the summer of 1912 and the present church was dedicated May 25, 1913.

The following account of this dedication was taken from the Grover Hill Reporter, May, 1913. William Pletcher, Editor.

DEDICATORIAL SERVICES

Of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church were held Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening.

The Dedicatorial services of the M. E. Church Sunday drew large crowds from the surrounding country and near-by towns.

Sunday school was opened at 8:30 A. M. and on account of the services to be conducted by Bishop Moore, very little discussion of the lesson was had. Nearly all the classes talked over the subject of how much they could give or pledge themselves for. After the close of the Sunday School, which numbered 350, the largest in the history of the church, Bishop Moore assisted by District Superintendent J. F. Harshbarger began the solicitation of the pledges to wipe out the \$7000 indebtedness. From the large audience arose many voices, voicing their gifts which ran all the way from \$500 down. Every one seemed to give with a good will, knowing they were giving for a good cause. At the close of the meeting at 12 o'clock, all the money had been raised except about \$1200.

The service in the afternoon drew an equally large crowd, and in a short time, the remaining \$1200 had been pledged.

The evening service had been announced to begin at 7:30 and as early as 6:30 people began pouring into the beautiful new church. At 7:30 the building was packed. A count made by the ushers at the close of the service showed over 900 and counting those that left by way of the choir entrance, it is safe to say that at least one thousand people heard Bishop Moore's sermon which was full of deep thought, and from the faces of the large audience, it could be noticed that every one present was enjoying a great feast.

Following the services, Sacramental services were held. The new church with its beautiful illumination, was a picture that none will forget. Everything was in perfect harmony, and from the entire congregation, could be heard the remark, "Isn't it grand?" Nothing adds more to a community than a beautiful church. The entire membership of the church wishes to express their thanks and unbounded appreciation to all those who contributed, and by so doing helped to secure the beautiful edifice. Thanks are also presented to J. K. P. Shively for the beautiful clock presented by him to the church.

The contractor for this church was Henry Gekler, father of the late Fred Gekler. Only two members of our church who worked on this project are living. They are Elwood and Philander Gilbert who are still faithful members.

Can one imagine the dedication and devotion required of those people who planned, worked, gave of themselves and of their possessions to build a church of this size in so small a community? Certainly the members, and especially the building committee, stepped out on faith in this undertaking.

Taken from the Grover Hill Reporter, May 1913:

The following resolutions drafted by the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee shows their sincere appreciation.

In appreciation of His divine guidance and blessings we heartily as an official Board of Zion M. E. Church most reverently thank the Captain of our salvation Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Saviour for His divine guidance in our undertaking. The Official Board in session has passed the following resolutions: Resolved that we return to our beloved Bishop Moore and our District Superintendent Dr. J. F. Harshbarger, our heartfelt thanks for their efficient and effective labors in our dedicational services and most devoutly ask God's continual blessings upon them.

Also be it resolved that we greatly appreciate and wish to thank our beloved Pastor H. D. Yant for his diligent self sacrificing labors in our

behalf. Also to our contractor and his co-laborers we owe a debt of gratitude greater than words can express for the faithful performance of their work which has made this temple a building of beauty. Also to the faithful work of our singers and especially to the leader, Miss Jennie Pfeiffer, in their patient labor in preparing the music for the occasion. Also to Mr. Shively for the beautiful clock presented to the church, and lastly to our friends who have so nobly contributed of their means which has made possible the completion of this building for the worship of Almighty God, upon all of which we most earnestly pray God's richest blessings.

Committee:

H. H. Mowers
B. J. Gilbert
N. B. Mericle
J. E. Eaton
J. H. Busick
Alfred Kohn
G. C. McClure

Preceding the evening Dedicatory Services a wedding was performed in the church. An account of this ceremony, taken from the Grover Hill Reporter, May 29, 1913, follows.

Beautiful Wedding at the new M. E. Church, Sunday evening, at 7:30 P. M. — Drummonds-Foor.

What more appropriate time would there be for the union of hearts than at the dedicatorial services of a beautiful new church, when the hearts of the whole community are going out to their fellow men? Love is the formation of all that is good and pure. The new church with its electric illumination was indeed beautiful. When Miss Marie Foor, sister of the bride at the piano commenced the music the church was filled to its capacity, and when the bride and groom came down the aisle, preceded by attendants, the scene was one of great beauty. The bride was dressed in white and the bridesmaid in cream white. At the conclusion of the ceremony which was conducted by the Dist. Supt. J. F. Harshbarger, the bridal party occupied seats at the left of the church, which had been reserved for them.

The bride was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Foor. She is a young lady of many graces of mind and person, an accomplished teacher of music, and who is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness and will prove to be truly a helpmate and companion to the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand.

The groom is a widely known young minister, having held this charge about three years ago, and has a great host of friends who extend to him and his bride their hearty congratulations. The Reporter is greatly pleased on this occasion to add its hearty good wishes to those being so freely extended.

A beautiful three course supper was served at the home of the bride's parents at 6:00 o'clock. The following friends, the bride and groom, and the immediate family of the bride partaking: Mr. Drummonds and friend of Cridersville; Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphey of Scott, Ohio; Mr. Harry Medaugh of Warren, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duckwall of Paulding, and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Medaugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dull, Stephen Beard and Calvin Mericle. Mr. and Mrs. Drummonds are at their home in Continental.

The Ladies Aid was a very active and important part of the church. Their pledge of one thousand dollars to the new building was raised by serving bountiful chicken dinners at 35 cents per plate for adults. Popping corn on Saturday nights in the entrance way of the Foor and Baldwin Hardware added to this fund. The president of the Ladies Aid at this time was Mrs. Henry Foor who was known throughout the community for her delicious biscuits served at the above mentioned dinners. A list of the members of the society can be found on page 18.

The Epworth League was organized April 4, 1896 with Drell Glaze as president. He later became a minister in the Nazarene church.

The Ladies Aid continued to play an important part in the church and in the nineteen thirties a Junior Aid was organized. The church also had a very active Missionary Society. These three groups were combined to form the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The first meeting of this organization was held in the church prayer room Sept. 26, 1940. Mrs. Glen Myers, the wife of our minister, was our first president. Minutes of this meeting can be found on page 20.

Unfortunately, not more than half of the charter members were ever active. In spite of this the society never failed to meet its very generous pledges. From this time on emphasis was put on individual giving rather than the serving of dinners et cetera.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Glen Myers the Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized in Dec. 1941.

The M.Y.F. has always been very active in our church. They have never failed to meet their Conference pledge. In one year, we have had as many as twenty-six go to the Lakeside Senior Youth Camp, and a great many of the youth have graduated.

Our group played a big part in the fact that the Paulding County M.Y.F. led the Conference in attendance, percentage-wise last year.

The leaders at this time are Mrs. Lawrence Volk and Mrs. Dale Ferris. The officers are, Pres. Barbara Grimes; Vice Pres., Donn Grubaugh; Sec. & Treas. Miriam Ferris and Pianist, Maureen Ferrell.

The Rev. Glen Myers initiated our first observance of Good Friday. He served us longer than any other minister [1934-1942] and it would be impossible to list all his accomplishments. One of the first things he did was dig out the old stumps and plant maple trees in front of the parsonage. He not only sanded the sanctuary and class room floors but laid all the hardwood floors in the parsonage.

Under his leadership the Grover Hill charge was the first charge in the Defiance district to raise its quota in the Million Dollar Unit Drive. We led the Conference in subscribers to the Christian Advocate. He also was instrumental in bringing Merton S. Rice, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Detroit, to Grover Hill where he spoke to an overflow crowd in the school gymnasium.

But above all this, Mr. Myers was the exemplification of the highest type of Christian living.

During the ministry of the Rev. Frank Sanderson, whose son Robert is still an active member of our congregation, the Junior church was started. Mrs. Verlin Grimes gave flannelgraph talks once a week and later she and Mrs. Lawrence Volk conducted services in the basement for the children during the regular preaching hour.

Our church has enjoyed good music through the years. A long and faithful leader was Miss Jennie Pfeiffer. A stringed orchestra and brass group accompanied the music during the Sunday School hour in the years soon after the Dedication. At one time the late Judge Raymond Smith was the choir director. Subsequent directors were Hollas Dindot, Herbert Jones, Frank Blough, and Abbie Stratton. For the later choirs much credit goes to Charles Stenger and Mrs. Bruce Elliott. During Mr. Stenger's leadership the choir robes were purchased.

In the late forties the Woman's Society of Christian Service decided to start a separate fund for an organ. Several members and former members contributed to this fund in the form of small war bonds. A five hundred dollar gift given by Rex Baldwin in honor of his mother, Emma Gilbert Baldwin, sparked a solicitation by several interested members of the Home Builders class and as a result our Hammond organ was dedicated by our District Superintendent Kenneth Leary in 1950. Mrs. George Mericle served as our organist until 1960. At the present time Mrs. Thurman Johnson and Pamela Volk are the church organists. Karen Stratton, Miriam Ferris, and Mary Alice Ashbaugh are the Sunday School pianists.

In 1947, Mr. John Wistner, father of Gale Wistner and grandfather of Mrs. Ray Volk, Mrs. Paul H. Bidlack and John Wistner gave belfry chimes to the church. They were appreciated and enjoyed for several years but unfortunately, due to the lack of qualified repairmen, their use has been discontinued.

MEN'S CLASS ORCHESTRA



Front row, left to right: Henry Foor, Arthur McClure, Clyde Miller, deceased, Lawrence Coil, deceased, Henry Bechtol, deceased. Second row: Farmer Kohn, Charles Wunder, Earl Wunder, deceased, Calvin Mericle, Don Gillespie, Clarence Stemen and Alva Grant. Third row: Drell Glaze, O. W. Wright, deceased, Fred Gekler, deceased, Forest Houchin, Fred Bray, Willard Wilson, deceased, Roscoe Klinger, deceased, Vincent Lackey, deceased, Ford Owens, Clarence Mericle, Sylvester Tuohy, deceased, Nelson Prentice and Oscar Wyatt.

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THE ZION SOCIETIES

AND THE GROVER HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. G. Ferris 1879-1800
[grandfather of Dale Ferris]

Rev. Horace Kohn & M. German
1880-1882.

Rev. John Bowers 1882-1883

Rev. Robert Snodgrass 1883-1884

Rev. Mosier German 1884-1885

Rev. Houtby 1885-1886

Rev. James Sultz 1886-1888

Rev. S. Snodgrass 1888-1889

Rev. Aiken 1889-1890

Rev. J. Houtby 1890-1891

Rev. A. Barker 1891-1892

Rev. G. McNeeley 1892-1894

Rev. Lafferty & Knees 1894-1895

Rev. S. S. Clay 1895-1896

Rev. J. B. Smith 1896-1898

Rev. O. D. Wagner 1898-1900

Rev. W. Dean 1900-1901

Rev. F. Gamble 1901-1902

Rev. N. Bigelow 1902-1903

Rev. J. Hodge 1903-1906

Rev. L. Smith 1906-1908

Rev. R. Drummond 1908-1909
[groom at the first wedding in
our church]

Rev. D. Rhodes 1909-1910

Rev. H. Yant 1910-1913
[Pastor at the time the church
was built]

Rev. Yant was born in Allen Co.,

Ohio on May 29, 1866. He began
his ministry in the year 1905,
serving for 50 years. He died in
Pontiac, Mich., on June 6, 1955,
burial at Lindsey, Ohio.]

Rev. C. Ringgenberg 1913-1915

Rev. C. Chiles 1915-1918
[Father of Dr. Paul Chiles, Van
Wert.]

Rev. S. Whiteman 1918-1919
[Father of our speaker today, S.
Lee Whiteman.]

Rev. F. Houser 1919-1921

Rev. S. Wilkens 1921-1922

Rev. W. Cordrey 1922-1926

Rev. R. McColm 1926-1928

Rev. R. Hurley 1928-1930

Rev. O. Smith 1930-1931

Rev. W. Piper 1931-1934

Rev. Glen Myers 1934-1942

Rev. Frank Sanderson 1942-1948
[Father of Robert Sanderson.]

Rev. Clarence Wallick 1948-1954

Rev. C. Taylor 1954
[He served here only three weeks
and two days. The first person to
die in the parsonage.]

Rev. Raymond Daniels Jr. 1954
[Student pastor, filled vacancy
left by Rev. Taylor.]

Rev. C. Webster 1954-1956

Rev. William Myers 1956-1961

Rev. Paul Miller 1961-

THE PASTORAL FAMILY

The congregation of Zion Methodist Church voices its sincerest gratitude to the Reverend Paul Miller, its present minister, on the completion of the second year of this, his first pastorate. His spiritual leadership, springing from a conscientious dedication to the ministry and his sympathy toward and understanding of people, has endeared him to the hearts of the people of the community.

May God continue to bless him in his chosen work and may he be with this church for many years.



Rev. Miller, Mrs. Miller, Paulette and Bruce

M. E. CHURCH — 1895



M. E. Church, Grover Hill, Ohio.

772. D. C. WILLIAMS, PHOTOGRAPHY, CINCINNATI, O.

This shows the old M. E. Church which stood on the present location of the church. This building was moved to town from Gilbert's Mills which was located south of Grover Hill. This building still stands, just west of the present church.

A NEW CHURCH IS STARTED



The corner stone laying scene is depicted above, showing the crowd that attended this service. Construction is already started on the main part of the building. In the background can be seen the old church with part of the steeple removed. This picture was taken in 1912.

THE NEW CHURCH IS FINISHED



This is a view of the new building upon its completion and was probably taken in 1913 or 1914. In the background can be seen the old building after it was moved to its present location. Also to be noted is the hitching rail on the south side of the church.

THE METHODIST PARSONAGE



This picture of the parsonage was taken in 1898 and shows the house before another room was added as well as the front porch and many other improvements. The house next to the parsonage on the north side in the picture was the Henry Mower's home. It has changed in appearance also.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30, APRIL 28, 1963

Organ Prelude	Mrs. Thurman Johnson
Introit	Senior Choir
Call To Worship	Rev. Paul Miller
Hymn	Number 23
Silent Prayer	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Choral Response
Responsive Reading	First Reading, Page 583
Gloria Patri	Congregation Standing
Anthem	"Our Father Who Art In Heaven"
Reference To Announcements	Senior Choir
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology	Standing
Scripture Lesson	Eph. 4:1-16
Ladies Trio	"If God Forgot"
Mrs. Bruce Elliott, Mrs. R. Paul Bidlack, Mrs. Paul Miller	
Message	"You Are The Church"
Dr. Albert L. Slack	
Defiance District Superintendent	
Hymn	Number 287
Benediction	Choral Response
Organ Postlude	Mrs. Thurman Johnson

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30, APRIL 28, 1963

Prelude	Organ and Piano
Mrs. Thurman Johnson and Miss Pamela Volk	
Congregational Hymn ..	"The Church's One Foundation" .. Number 381
Devotional Service	Dr. Albert L. Slack
Anthem	"Along The River Of Time"
Senior Choir	
Short History of the Church	Mrs. Dana Didrick
Vocal Solo	"I'll Walk With God"
Mary Alice Ashbaugh	
Greeting of Former Pastors	Mr. Dale Ferris
Offering	
Trumpet Solo "Trumpet Concerto" by Joseph Hayden	James Johnson
Recognition of Visitors and Former Members	Rev. Paul Miller
Anthem	"What Would I Do Without God"
Senior Choir	
Message	Dr. S. Lee Whiteman
Congregational Hymn ..	"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" .. Number 416
Benediction	Rev. Paul Miller

ONE OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT RIDERS

One of the first circuit riders to visit Paulding County was Elnathan C. Gavitt, who in after years became a presiding elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and resided at Lima. The following sketch is given by him in an address before a meeting at the Maumee Valley Pioneer Association, at Defiance on the 22nd of February, 1878.

He says, "I was born in Ohio. My parents emigrated to this state in 1805. This is my native home; here are the graves of my parents, wife and children. Many are the attachments and fond recollections which cluster around the scenes of my early days. My first missionary work commenced among the Wyandots at Upper Sandusky. This mission was first established by a colored man, Rev. John Stewart, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, in 1816, and was the first Protestant mission this side of the Alleghany mountains. My missionary work commenced among them in 1832 in connection with Rev. Thos. Thompson. At that day it was the policy of the church to hunt up all the white settlements and carry the gospel to them. Emigration to northern Ohio had commenced, the Maumee valley was fast filling up, and hence our missionary work was not wholly confined to the Indians, but extended over a large territory now included in the following counties: Crawford, Marion, Hardin, Auglaize, Allen, Van Wert, Hancock, Putnam, Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Henry, Wood, Ottawa, and several appointments within the bounds of Sandusky and Seneca. Traveling most of the time without roads or bridges, fording streams or swimming our horses, and sometimes lodging in the wilderness, preaching from two to three times a day, and all this had to be accomplished every four weeks so as to reach the Mission at Upper Sandusky by Saturday night, as one of the missionaries had to remain until the other returned, to superintend the house, farm and school, having from sixty to eighty children to be provided for. Let others think as they may to Christianity and the gospel ministry, it was the love of souls, the moral and religious improvements of these new settlements that prompted the ministers to make the sacrifices they did, and not the love of fame or wealth. My colleague, being a married man, was allowed a salary of \$200 per year; but being a single man, I was only allowed \$100 but this amount was not to come from the Indians, but must be secured from the whites; and each member was expected to pay 25 cents per quarter, which was called quarterage. The country being new and the people poor, the minister generally received about one half his salary. The five years of my itineracy I did not receive more than \$40 or \$50 per year and much of this was in articles they could conveniently spare. However it was customary for all the membership to pay something according to their ability, but such families as were destitute of means were cheerfully excused, providing they kept on hand a good supply of yellow legged chickens.

Most of the time I was at the mission I provided for myself, cooking and lodging in the school house. My food was of the plainest quality, consisting principally of deer or bear meat, coon or opossum, with some dried corn or cranberries sweetened with Indian sugar, but not always free from hair or feathers. My bed was composed of skins, my pillow a calico sack filled with dry grass, the covering, my horse blanket or cloak. I preached on the Sabbath, taught during the week, and doctored at night except in extreme cases."

LADIES AID AT TIME OF DEDICATION

The Church cost approximately \$16,000. At the time of the dedication eight thousand dollars had been subscribed. The Ladies' Aid pledged one thousand dollars.

Members at the time were: Mrs. Henry Foor, Pres., [mother of Mrs. Stephen Beard, Van Wert]; Mrs. W. J. Dull, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Ella McClure, 2nd Vice Pres., [grandmother of Doyle Goddard]; Mrs. B. F. Bowman, Sec'y.; Mrs. Minerva Kohn, Treas.; Mrs. Eliza Kohn, Mrs. Jane Stratton [mother of Cal and Albert Stratton]; Mrs. Anna Cashell, Mrs. R. L. Gipe, Mrs. N. Grant, Mrs. Charles Mericle, Mrs. Will McClure, Mrs. Nathan Wyatt [grandmother of Fred Wyatt]; Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Mrs. Sallie Eaton [mother of Mary Gekler and Katie Groves]; Mrs. Ida Gekler, Mrs. Emma Baldwin, Mrs. Dr. Kohn, Mrs. Allie Fife, Mrs. Loretta Eaton [mother of Mrs. Carrie Pletcher]; Mrs. Joseph Goodwin, Mrs. B. J. Gilbert [mother of Mrs. James Miller, Philander and Elwood Gilbert]; Mrs. R. A. Coil [sister of Mrs. Sylvia Didrick]; Mrs. Leah Baker, Mrs. Dr. Fast [mother of Mrs. Don Wheeler and Roy Fast]; Mrs. Maud Klinger, Mrs. O'Dessa Gilbert [late wife of Philander Gilbert]; Mrs. Nora Gilbert [late wife of Elwood Gilbert]; Mrs. Nellie McClure, Mrs. Mattie Girod, Mrs. Mary Mericle [mother of George Mericle]; Mrs. Alfred Kohn, Mrs. Maggie Stillwell, Miss Alma Dull, Mrs. Eva McElheny, Mrs. Ida Eaton [mother of Mrs. Floyd Stratton]; Mrs. H. D. Yant, Mrs. Lulu Cashell, Mrs. Mary McClure and the following who are with us: Mrs. Marcus Eikenberry, Mrs. Lawrence Coil, Mrs. Nellie Kohn, Mrs. Bertie Stratton, Mrs. Carrie Pletcher, Mrs. Jessie Gillespie, Mrs. Etta Dunlap, Mrs. Katie Groves and Mrs. Isaac Didrick.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF EPWORTH LEAGUE

Minutes of the first meeting — Grover Hill Epworth League May 18, 1913. Anniversary Day. Subject "The Greater Work Ahead." Mrs. Yant, leader.

Service opened by singing song number 3 from the anniversary program. Prayer by Mrs. Yant. Song number 4. Responsive reading from the program led by Bro. Yant. Song 26. A very good talk by the leader about the greater work ahead. Election of officers of the E. L. Chapter Bro. Yant acted as chairman; John Busick, secretary. Drell Glaze was elected as president by acclamation. By motion, May Glaze be elected by acclamation for secretary. O. M. Bruckart was elected for treasurer by acclamation. Mirtha Shively was re-elected for First Vice Pres. Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Maude Smith; third Vice Pres., Miss Viola McClure; fourth Vice Pres., Alpha Shively. Organist, Miss Ida McClure.

Responsive reading led by Alpha Shively. Song. Meeting was then turned over to the Pastor.

May 25th, following Sunday. League service omitted because of Dedication Service.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST EPWORTH LEAGUE, 1913

James Garrison, Carrie Garrison, Bertha Goddard, Ida McClure, Viola McClure, Junie Money, Wm. Money, Alpha Shively, Mirtha Shively, J. H. Busick, Harve Stahl, Stephen Beard, Maud Jackson, Odessa Gilbert, O. M. Bruckart, Ruth Bruckart, Mrs. Dull, Mrs. C. Baldwin, N. D. Prentice, Myrtle Prentice, D. A. Glaze, May Glaze, Charles Mericle, Mary Mericle, Nellie Tuohy, Grace Prentice, La Verne Williams, Mary Leah Yant, A. C. Pryor, Verna Busick, Emma Tuohy, Celia Blythe, Hiram Grant, Sylvester Tuohy, Joyce Jinkens, Marie Foor, Henry Foor, Mrs. Foor, Cleave Kidner, Fred Bray, Keith Bray, Clyde Miller, Elsworth Shinnaberry, Maud Moore, Leona Busick and Bessie Prentice.

RECORDS OF TWO OLDER MEMBERS

These records were found of two of our older members:

Mertie Oliver [Mrs. John Busick] joined the church Sept. 11, 1895.

Carrie Eaton [Mrs. Will Pletcher] joined the church March 8, 1896.

BROTHERS WORK ON CHURCH



Philander and Elwood Gilbert are the only two living members who helped with the actual construction of the church. They were in the lumber business and made frames for the stained glass windows and other aids in the construction. Both brothers are still faithful in their attendance at worship services.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE ORGANIZED

The Charter meeting for the purpose of organizing the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in the Zion Methodist Church in the evening of Sept. 26, 1940 with twenty-six women present.

After singing the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers," the meeting was called to order and its purpose stated by the Rev. G. I. Myers, who acted as temporary chairman.

At this time Sila Wright was named temporary Secretary. The Worship and Praise service consisted of the reading, "The New Day" from the Guide by Rev. Myers, singing of the Doxology and a unison prayer.

The Statement of the Purpose and Plan of the new organization was read by Sila Wright. The Enrollment Ceremony was carried out in ritualistic form, ninety-two women having become charter members.

After the report of the nominating committee the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. I. Myers; Vice President, Mrs. Henry Hoffman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vera Goddard; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Flossie Kenney; Treasurer, Mrs. Sila Wright; Sec'y. of Missionary Education, Mrs. Pearl Scarbrough; Sec'y. of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Dora Mericle; Sec'y. of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Gladys Graber; Sec'y. of Supplies, Mrs. Maud Jackson, and Sec'y. of Student Work, Miss Mirtha Shively.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. S. B. Gauvey be elected as alternate delegate to the Chapter meeting, the newly elected president, being the first delegate. Mrs. G. I. Myers was then chosen to represent the organization as a member of the Sunday School Board.

Following was the installation of officers after which Mrs. Myers presided. In the acceptance of her office she brought a challenge to every woman of the church to give of her talents to further the work of Christ at home and abroad both spiritually and materially.

The meeting closed with a moment of silent dedication. The "Hymn of Loyalty" was sung. Benediction.

The oath taken by the following women ended thus:

"To this end I will give prayer, service, and an annual contribution to the budget of the Society. Thus will I contribute to, educate for, and promote the three fold program of the women of Methodism."

Mrs. Mahlon Thompson, removed, deceased; Mrs. L. E. Scarbrough, deceased, Mrs. O'Dessa Gilbert, deceased, Mrs. Anna Stahl, Mrs. Goldie Stemen, Mrs. Walter Ashbaugh, removed, Mrs. Alberta Plummer, Mrs. Sylvia Didrick, Mrs. Clara McClure, deceased, Mrs. Gladys Graber, moved, Mrs. Violet Ward Haller, moved, Mrs. Josie Truitt, deceased, Mrs. William Wyatt, deceased, Mrs. Bruce Elliott, Mrs. Pearl Baldwin, Mrs. Vera Goddard, Mrs. Ocie Fast, deceased, Mrs. Emma Baldwin, deceased, Mrs. Cordelia Sheely, deceased, Mrs. Ida Fruchey, deceased, Mrs. Golda Kohn, removed, Mrs. Madeline McClure, Mrs. Orvall Glass, moved, Mrs. Edna Hershberger, deceased, Mrs. Ella Ward, deceased, Mrs. Dora Bryant, deceased, Mrs. Ida Eaton, deceased, Mrs. Grace Wyatt, Mrs. Alice Place, deceased, Mrs. Lois Fruchey, removed, Mrs. Elizabeth Carlisle, moved, Mrs. Susie Kohn, Mrs. Mary Gekler, Miss Mirtha Shively, Mrs. Al Golliver, deceased, Mrs. B. G. Hood, deceased, Mrs. Mary Mericle, deceased, Mrs. Imogene Miller, deceased, Mrs.

Burnice Ditto, deceased, Mrs. Addie Kohn, deceased, Mrs. Nettie Dindot, removed, Mrs. H. M. Burnett, moved, Mrs. Sarah Cooper, moved, Mrs. Ilo Young, moved, Mrs. Loma McClure, Mrs. Lizzie Bunn, Mrs. Katie Grove, Mrs. Loretta Eaton, deceased, Mrs. Florence Bolenbaugh, removed, Mrs. Jessie McClure, removed, Mrs. Emma Blackmore, Mrs. Anna Eaton, deceased, Mrs. Nora Saum, moved, Miss Nina McClure, moved, Mrs. Mary E. Gilbert, deceased, Mrs. Pearl Busick, deceased, Mrs. Laura Banta, moved, deceased, Mrs. Edna Miller, Miss Flossie Kenney, moved, Mrs. Minnie Sheely, Mrs. Ruth Jones, moved, Mrs. Leona Busick, Mrs. Flossie Myers, moved, Mrs. Sila Wright, moved, Mrs. Barbara Clear, moved, Mrs. Alta Endsley, moved, Mrs. Cora Ashbaugh, moved, Mrs. Farol Horney, moved, Mrs. Ruth Allen, moved, Mrs. Cleo Gekler, moved, Mrs. Grace Stemen, Mrs. Leona Thomas, Mrs. Maud Jackson, deceased, Mrs. Myrta Gauvey, deceased, Miss Jennie Pfeiffer, deceased, Miss Lucille Stukey, deceased, Mrs. Nora Gilbert, deceased, Mrs. Maggie Oliver, deceased, Mrs. Amy Welch, deceased, Mrs. Callie Weltner, deceased, Mrs. Henry Sutton, deceased, Mrs. Myrtle McGinnis, deceased, Mrs. Milta Crone, Mrs. Harold Clear, moved, Mrs. Dora Mericle, Mrs. Bowen Evans, moved, Mrs. Mertie Busick, Mrs. Robert Coil, deceased, Mrs. Dana Didrick, Mrs. Betty Volk [charter member at Middle Point just before moving here], Mrs. Thomas, deceased, Mrs. Henry Hoffman, removed, Mrs. Nellie Stephenson, Mrs. Nina Stahl, Mrs. A'Delphine Stratton, and Mrs. Bertha Goddard.

PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. Glen Myers 1940-1942.	Mrs. George Mericle 1953-1955.
Mrs. Leonard Graber 1943-1945.	Mrs. Dale Ferris 1955-1957.
Mrs. Frank Sanderson 1945-1947	Mrs. Robert Johnson 1957-1959.
Mrs. Rancy Busick 1947-1949.	Mrs. Theodore Dasher 1959-1961.
Mrs. Dana Didrick 1949-1951.	Mrs. Bruce Elliott 1961-1963.
Mrs. Lawrence Volk 1951-1953.	

DESCENDANTS OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

A great majority of our most faithful members had no connection with the origin of the Grover Hill Zion Church. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that there are several descendants of the building committee still active in its program.

Members of the building committee were: Gordon McClure, Alfred Kohn, John Busick, husband of Mertie Busick; Noah Mericle, father of George Mericle; Byron Gilbert, father of Elwood and Philander Gilbert and Mrs. James Miller, grandfather of Mrs. Dana Didrick and great grandfather of J. Barton and Deborah Didrick; Emery Eaton, father of Mary Gekler, Katie Groves and C. E. Eaton, grandfather of Mrs. Floyd Stratton and great grandfather of Karen and Kent Stratton.

Henry Mowers, father of Mrs. Harvey Stahl; grandfather of Mrs. Bruce Elliott, Mrs. Floyd Stemen, John and Edwin Stahl; great grandfather of Mrs. Charles Stenger, Stephanie Stemen, Mrs. Lowell Craft, Mrs. Arlie Miller and Don Stahl; great-great-grandfather of Vanessa, Edythe, James and John Craft, Danny, Terry, and Gary Elliott, and Dick and Charleen Stahl.

CLIPPINGS FROM GROVER HILL NEWSPAPERS

Taken from the Grover Hill Times, Thursday, May 14, 1896. George M. Eaton, publisher.

The M. E. Mite Society will meet with Mrs. Eli Shaw Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Taken from the Grover Hill Reporter, Thursday, Sept. 14, 1899, B. N. Heaton, Editor and Publisher.

Rev. O. D. Wagner goes to the annual meeting of the Central Ohio Conference this week, which meets this year in St. Paul's M. E. Church in Toledo, the largest Protestant church in the city. He takes a very excellent report for this Society. \$534.00 has been collected and paid out on parsonage, lot, barn and out buildings; also \$53.00 on old church debt, with interest; besides \$295.00 and \$100.00 on parsonage, making a total of \$395.00 for pastor and presiding elder.

EXCERPTS FROM B. J. GILBERT'S DIARY

Feb. 8, 1880: Quarterly meeting at school house.

May 1, 1881: Dedication of new church [Gilbert's Mills].

Feb. 20, 1895: Trustees meeting at the church to take action in regard to moving same [to Grover Hill].

July 11, 1895: Commenced work on remodeling church in town.

Oct. 27, 1895: Attended church in G. H. [first time mentioned in diary.]

Sunday, July 4, 1897: Attended church. 104 degrees in the shade.

May 9, 1899: John Stuke and Elwood Gilbert helped roof parsonage stable.

Nov. 22, 1911: Looking after disturbances at M. E. Church.

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 21 and 22, 1912: Attended Ladies Aid affair and supper.

April 15, 1912: Went to Middlepoint to look at church.

April 17, 1912: Went to Fayette to look at churches.

April 19, 1912: Went with Bro. Yant to solicit for church.

May 3, 1912: Trustees looking over church plans.

July 17, 1912: Went with Bro. Yant and family and J. E. Eaton to Van Wert and Willshire to look at churches.

Aug. 21, 1912: Elwood working on cathedral frames.

Nov. 21, 1912: Met with building committee at bank to meet Art glass men.

Dec. 10, 1912: Met with building committee to see about furnaces.

Dec. 27, 1912: Put bell in belfry of new church.

March 19, 1913: Glass man came to put in glass.

April 12, 1913: Elwood and Philander unloaded church seats.

April 13, 1913: Attended S. S. and preaching. Met with S. S. Board to assign class rooms in afternoon.

May 25, 1913: Attended Dedication of new church. Bishop D. H. Moore officiated, assisted by J. F. Harshbarger, D. S. and our pastor, Rev. Yant.

June 9, 1913: Sold old church for \$175.00.

Sept. 22, 1918 was the first time to mention the Rev. Whiteman.

Sept. 29, the Rev. Whiteman is sick.

Sunday, Oct. 20 to Nov. 9, 1918 and Dec. 8 to Dec. 29, churches are closed because of Spanish Influenza.

HENRY FOOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



Front row, left to right: Floyd Blackmore, Drell Glaze, Arthur Houchin, Henry Foor, deceased, Charles Wunder, Earl Wunder, deceased, Roscoe Klinger, deceased. Second row: Alpha Shively, Clarence Mericle, Forest Houchin, Everett Gekler, deceased, Clyde Miller, deceased, Ralph Tuohy. Third row: Wm. Money, Sylvester Tuohy, deceased, Vincent Lackey, deceased, and Oscar Wyatt.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

Don Mell, Ernie Kenney, Ray McClure, Ralph Leonard, Everett Eschbach, John Prior, Carlos Jaquette, John Sheely, Orville Smith, Oscar Blythe, Stephen Beard, Alpha Shively, Glen Busick, George Plummer, Claud Kohn, Floyd Stahl, Curtis Crone, John Crone, Orville Kinade.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

Rex T. Gauvey, Don L. Coil, Earl L. Dindot, Harold Bell Wright, William A. Plummer, Floyd Stemen, B. Russel Busick, LeRoy Fast, Doyt E. McGinnis, Charles R. Blackmore, Clarence C. Stratton, George Cooper, Earl G. Golliver, George W. Golliver, Russell Golliver, Lester Aldrich, Mark H. Burnett, Eugene Sheely, Arthur Horney, David Cotterman, John Dindot, Lewis L. Yearling, Robert Edwards, Clyde Crone, Phillip Pratt, Sherman Carlisle, Gerald Carlisle, Frank Bolenbaugh, John Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Frank Scarbrough, Marcia Lou Crone, nurse; James A. Morrison, James S. Dotson, Rex Eugene Plummer, Mahlon Rex Mericle, Noah A. Wyatt, Paul Martz, Erma Rae Stabler, WAC; Gilbert Hoaglin, Elinor Anne Crone, nurse; James Robert Johnson, William R. Crone, Tom S. Burnett and John Robert Stahl.

PRIMARY CLASS OF 1914



Front row, left to right: Dorothy Stratton, Olive Stratton, Edna Fruchey, Gracie Kohn, Genevieve Kohn, Lynn Gillespie, Cloyd Fruchey, Harold Busick and Arthur Blackmore. Second row: Mildred Gekler, Thelma Ringgenberg, Tiny McClure, Raymond Cashel, Doyle Goddard, Kenneth Kohn, Kenneth Garber, Milliard Baldwin, Ralph Ringgenberg and Darwin Eaton. Third row: Lura Wyatt, William Wyatt, Nolen McClure, Thurl Hill, Barbara Thomas, Lela Kohn, Verma Cashel, Anna Blackmore, Agnes Gattshall and George McClure.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE

During the ministry of Rev. Clarence Wallick [1948-1954] numerous improvements were made, the principal one being the present rest-rooms.

Improvements through the year 1957-March 31, 1958, during which time Rev. William Myers was pastor, were many. The following trustees led the church: Thurman Johnson, Walter Ashbaugh, Fred Gekler, Edwin Stahl, Dale Ferris, Clayton Stemen, Floyd Stratton, Robert Johnson, and Earl Matthews. During this time two furnaces were installed, the church interior was decorated, tile ditches were laid, the attic was insulated, the building was spouted, plastering was repaired, and new light fixtures were installed.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of her husband, L. M. Eschbach, Mrs. Callie Eschbach presented the church with glassware for the kitchen.



Friends in Toledo gave to the church the Baptismal Bowl in memory of Miss Jennie Pfeiffer. The dedication of the bowl took place at an Easter Baptismal Service. Jeanne Pearson [small friend living next door to Jennie], by request held the bowl, while Stephanie Stemen held the lily used in the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTRIBUTE

Several of the Sunday School classes have been most generous in their giving to the church.

The Friendship Class has made many contributions to the church. With one hundred dollars from the W.S.C.S. and some gifts from individuals they put the carpeting in the Sanctuary. They put the carpet in the halls and also installed stair treads; put cupboards in basement, adding dishes and curtains; installed a refrigerator; gave fifty dollars toward the restrooms; put new lights in the basement; bought chairs and tables for basement; bought chairs for Junior Church; bought paint and painted basement; installed light outside basement door; gave wall paneling, wall tile, soap dish, bathroom light and medicine cabinet for parsonage; bought three clothes racks; paid nearly fifty dollars to building fund.

With the collections from the monthly class meetings the Home Builders Class has presented to the church: the first outdoor bulletin board; the outdoor Christmas scene; the altar set and all candles used; the old and new Communion tables; the music stand; the sanctuary cross; the piano; the brass collection plates; [These were given in honor of Brother John Busick, who served as church treasurer so faithfully for 45 years. He was elected treasurer Oct. 25, 1909 and served until Brother John Sheely relieved him in 1954.] \$100. to the building fund; \$50 to the restrooms; \$25 scholarship for an Indian boy, Ishwar Dass of Delphi, India; scarves for Communion table and lectern plus many other items.

The True Blue class has given \$25 for the choir robes; \$50 to the church and parsonage; and \$225 to the building fund.

OTHER GIFTS

An oil painting, portrait of Christ, wonderfully done by Charles Eugene Scarbrough, was given by him to be hung in the sanctuary.

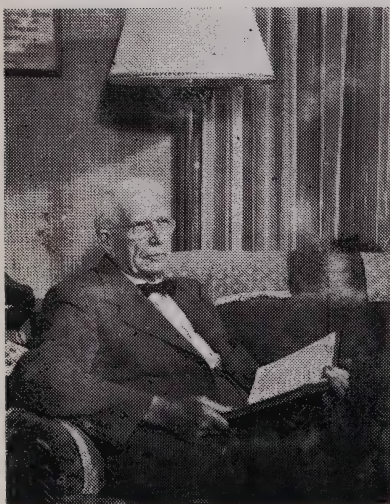
A'Delphine Stratton's painting of Mary, Joseph and the Christ child was her gift to be hung in the Home Builders' classroom.

These gifts are deeply appreciated.

The women of the church held a shower for equipment and utensils to be used in the kitchen. Numerous items, including two electric ovens and stands, were purchased.

The Junior Church gave to the church a Roxy portable organ and a slide and film projector.

RECOGNITION FOR LONG SERVICE



During the regular morning worship hour, John Busick, on his 90th birthday, was honored in a short service. The usher seated John in his "usual place," reserved by closing with paper streamers. This was really unnecessary, as no one else would think of occupying John's pew, the first seat in the second row on the right side facing front. Mrs. Robert Johnson, in a brief talk, then paid tribute to John's faithfulness and years of service. In spite of the fact he was a nonagenarian, he was still active and regular in attendance until a short time before his demise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Henry Mowers, Noah Mericle, Henry Foor, Flossie Kenney, Leonard Graber, Edna Fast, John Busick, John Sheely, Marguerite Didrick, Thurman Johnson, Edwin Stahl, Helen Johnson, Edith Grimes and Paul Bidlack.

METHODIST MEN ORGANIZED

During the pastorate of William Myers, the Methodist Men was organized on the charge. The first meeting was held Feb. 17, 1960, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Reed Wallick; V. Pres., Verlin Grimes; Sec'y., John Wistner; Treas., Floyd Stemen; Reporter, Thurman Johnson.

Among their many worthy projects is a trip to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission once quarterly. They also have pledged some financial assistance to anyone going into full time Christian Service from the Grover Hill charge.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Prayer and Bible study is held each Wednesday evening under the capable leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Paul Miller.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

For nearly twenty years our Church Service has been at 9:30 A.M., and Sunday School at 10:30. This time schedule greatly increased our church attendance and thus solved our financial problems. Our average Sunday School attendance is approximately 100 with the church attendance running slightly higher.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

A number of former members have dedicated their lives to the ministry. Among these are the Rev. Drell Glaze, Rev. Clarence Mericle, Rev. Noah Wyatt and Rev. Dana Welch. Miss Mirtha Shively went to Singapore to work in the mission field in 1927. During the years of 1928-1932 she was a missionary in Malaya.



Norma Stemen-St. John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stemen, accepted a position with the Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico in 1954. In the capacity of house mother she served in the outlying field of Bisti. Her service here in pre-school through grade 3 was with the Navajo Indians and continued through the years 1954, 1955 and 1957.

CHURCH OFFICIALS — CONFERENCE YEAR — 1962-1963

TRUSTEES

1963 Mr. Frank Ferrell
1963 Mr. Floyd Stemen
1963 Mr. Walter Ashbaugh
1964 Mr. Thurman Johnson
1964 Mr. Robert Johnson
1964 Mr. Paul R. Bidlack
1965 Mr. George Winters
1965 Mr. Dana Didrick
1965 Mr. Emmonds Stahlman

STEWARDS

Mrs. Clyde McClure, Communion
Mrs. Mary Gekler, Asst. Comm.
Mr. Verlin Grimes
Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mr. Clayton Stemen
Mr. John Stahl
Mr. John Sheely
Mr. Bruce Elliott
Mrs. Frank Ferrell
Mr. Kenneth Greutman
Mr. Dale Ferris
Mrs. Arlie Miller
Mrs. Leona Busick
Mr. Robert Wertenberger
Mrs. Lowell Craft

MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM

Mrs. Clayton Stemen, Chairman
Mr. Frank Ferrell
Mr. Harold Auman
Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mr. Gene Scarbrough
Miss Barbara Grimes
Miss Connie Bidlack

EDUCATION

Mrs. Dale Ferris, Chairman
Mr. Paul R. Bidlack
Mr. Ray Volk
Mrs. Theodore Dasher
Mrs. Lawrence Volk
Mrs. Thurman Johnson
Mrs. Lynn Grubaugh
Mrs. Kenneth Greutman
Mr. Clayton Stemen

MISSIONS

Mrs. Dana Didrick
Mrs. Verlin Grimes
Mrs. Walter Ashbaugh
Mr. Kenneth Greutman
Mr. Paul H. Bidlack

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Mr. Lynn Grubaugh, Chairman
Mr. Thurman Johnson
Mrs. Floyd Stratton
Mrs. Bruce Elliott
Mr. George Winters
Mr. John Scarbrough

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Mrs. Floyd Stemen
Mrs. Emmonds Stahlman
Mr. Verlin Grimes
Mrs. Ray McClure
Mr. Bruce Elliott
Mrs. John Stahl

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Mr. Ed Stahl, Chairman
Mr. Dana Didrick
Mrs. Frank Ferrell

MUSIC

Mr. Thurman Johnson,
Chairman
Mrs. Bruce Elliott
Mrs. George Mericle
Mr. Ed Stahl
Miss Pamela Volk

LAY LEADER

Mr. John Sheely

LEGACIES & WILLS

Mrs. Dana Didrick
Mrs. Ed Stahl

HOSPITALS & HOMES

Mrs. Paul H. Bidlack
Mrs. Theodore Dasher

AUDITING

Mr. John Stahl, Chairman
Mrs. Clyde McClure
Mr. Emmonds Stahlman
Mrs. Floyd Stemen

TREASURER

Mr. John Sheely

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPT.

Mr. Paul R. Bidlack
Mr. Ray Volk, Assistant

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. John Sheely
Mrs. Clayton Stemen, First
Reserve

DISTRICT STEWARDS

Mrs. Dana Didrick
Mr. Foster Warner
Mr. James Ladd

**PRESIDENT OF METHODIST
MEN CHARGE**

Mr. Lynn Grubaugh

PRESIDENT OF W.S.C.S.

Mrs. Bruce Elliott

PRESIDENT OF MYF

Barbara Grimes

RECORDING STEWARD

Mrs. Dana Didrick

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Robert Wertenberger
Mrs. Floyd Stratton
Mr. Frank Ferrell
Mr. Thurman Johnson

**REPRESENTATIVE TO
METHODIST UNION**

Mrs. James Ladd
Mrs. Lawrence Volk

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
TO CONFERENCE**

Joseph Stemen
Mary DeCamp

THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Clayton Stemen, Chairman
Kenneth Greutman, Assistant
Marguerite Didrick, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 1963**NURSERY DEPARTMENT**

Teachers Mrs. Ed Stahl, assistant, Mrs. Charles Scarbrough.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Mrs. Walter Ashbaugh, assistant, Dana Didrick.

PRIMARY CLASS

Teachers, Clayton Stemen, assistant, Mrs. Arlie Miller.

JUNIOR CLASS

Teachers, John Wistner, assistant, Mrs. Abe Fast.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Teachers: Lynn Grubaugh, assistant, Kenneth Greutman.

SENIOR YOUTH CLASS

Teachers: Mrs. Clayton Stemen; assistant, Mrs. Paul Miller

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Teacher, George Winters; assistant, Thurman Johnson.

Officers: Kenneth Greutman, pres., Mrs. Theodore Dasher, secretary and treasurer.

HOMEBUILDERS CLASS

Teacher, Harold Auman; assistant, Goldie Stemen.

Officers: Pres., Edwin Stahl; V. Pres., John Stahl; Sec., Venice Grubaugh; assistant, Bruce Elliott; Treas., Lynn Grubaugh; assistant, George Winters; reporter, Betty Volk; assistant, Edith Stahl; corr. sec., Pearl Winters and assistant, Marguerite Didrick.

TRUE BLUE CLASS

Teacher, Frank Ferrell; assistant, Robert Wertenberger.

CONSTANT WORKERS

Teacher, Mrs. Lawrence Volk; assistant, John Stahl.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Teacher, John Sheely; assistant, Robert Sanderson.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

General Chairman	Mrs. Dale Ferris
History	Mrs. Dana Didrick
Program	Mrs. Lawrence Volk
Dinner	Mrs. Frank Ferrell
Book	Mrs. Clayton Stemen
Correspondence	Mrs. George Mericle
Finance	Mr. John Sheely
Art	Mrs. Floyd Stratton
House	Mrs. Verlin Grimes
Courtesy	Mr. Frank Ferrell
Publicity	Mrs. Edwin Stahl
Sale of Books	Mr. R. Paul Bidlack
Printing	Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Johnson

A FINAL NOTE

We would not feel our task done or book complete without the privilege and pleasure of herewith acknowledging the appreciation of all who kindly helped in many ways in gathering together and compiling this book.

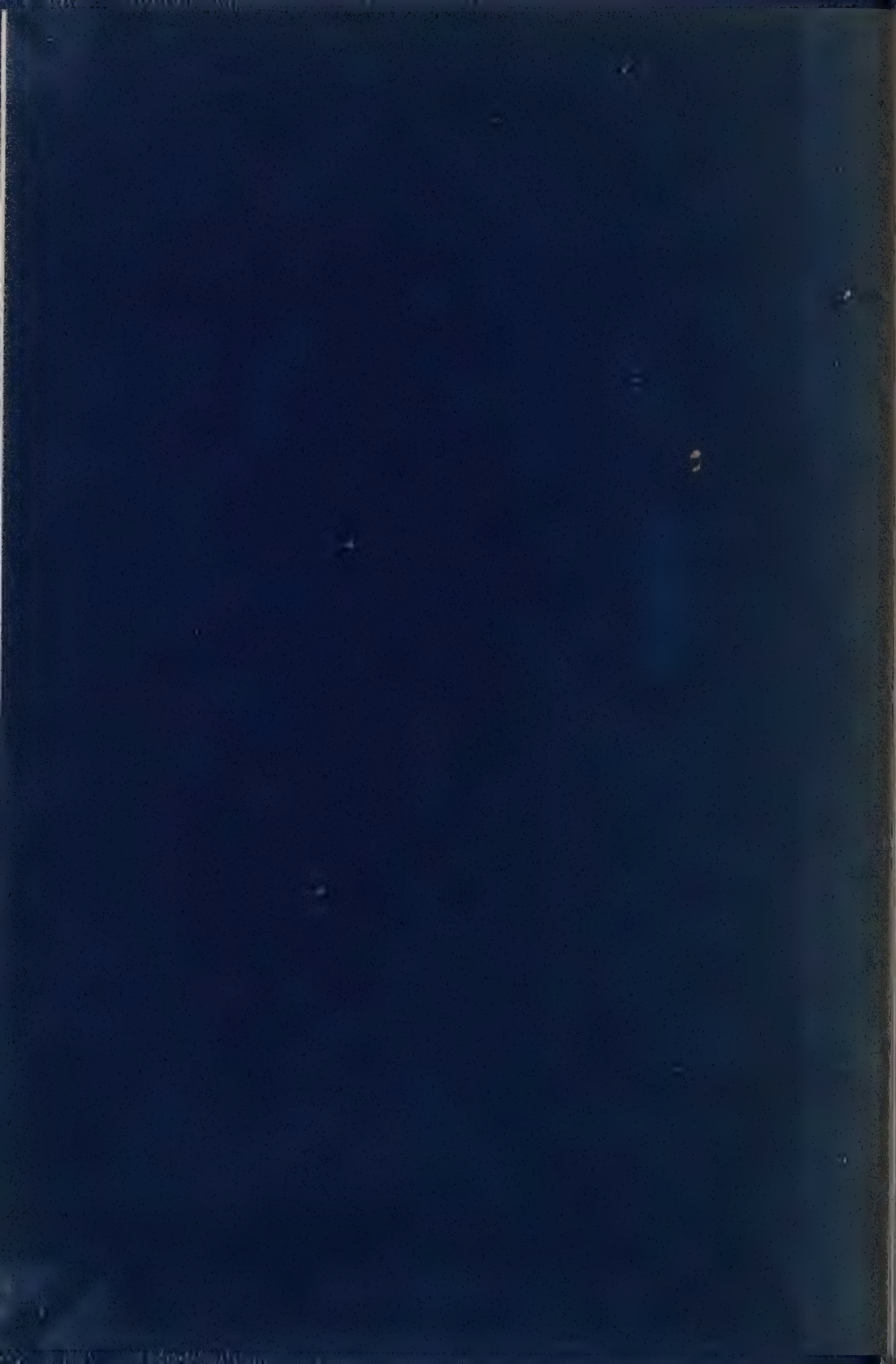
The pictures of yester-year were loaned by Mrs. Carrie Pletcher, Mrs. Bertha Goddard, and Mrs. Mary Gekler.

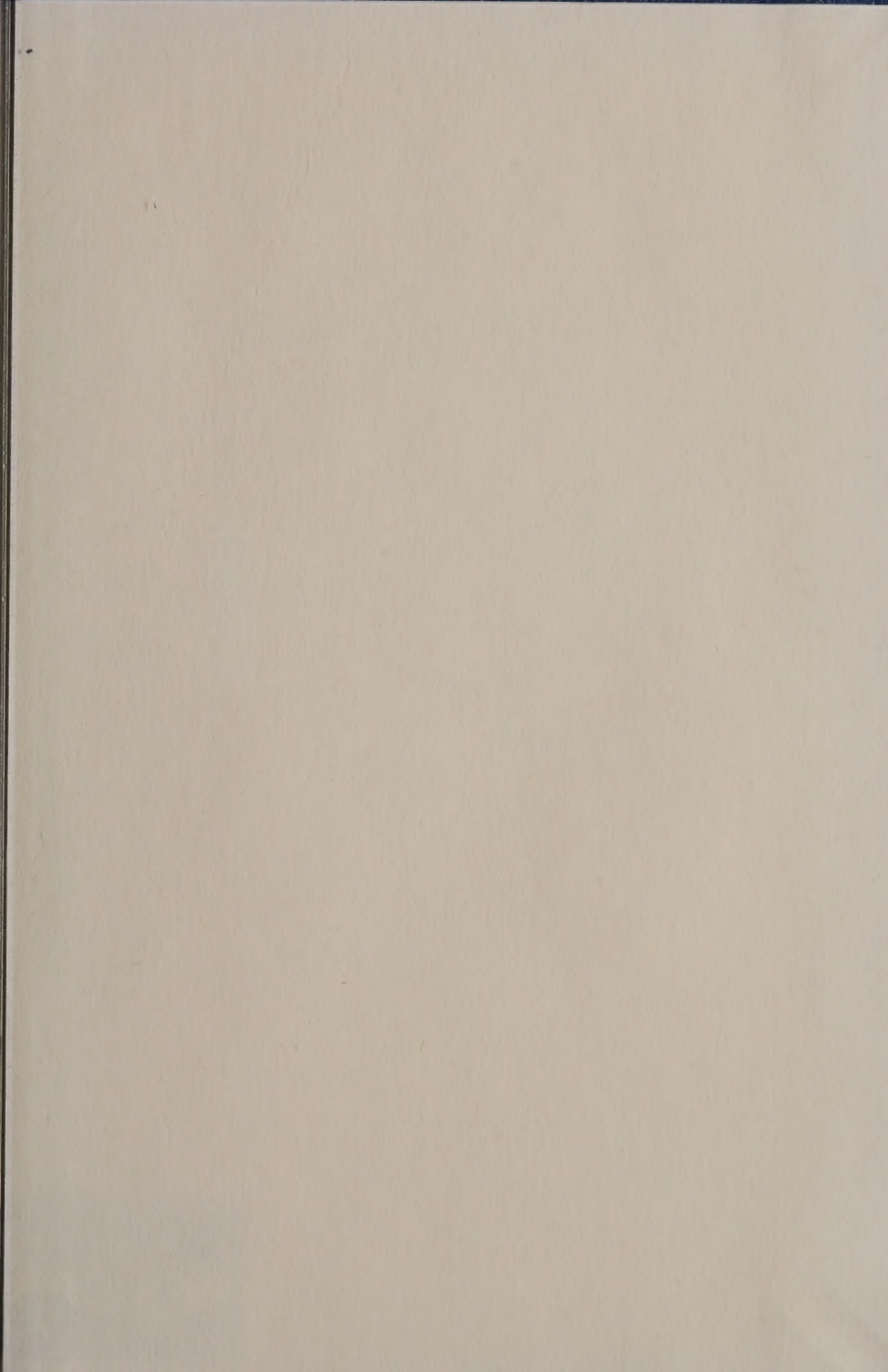
Also a hand of tribute to our historian, Mrs. Dana Didrick. But most of all to those gallant men and women who, through their dedication and faith in God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son, this church has come into being.

It is our prayer that each one who reads this book or comes into this House of Worship, shall feel anew their expectancy and faith and fervor and may rededicate themselves to the work of the Kingdom of God.

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